

Amendment to the Specification

Paragraph beginning at line 9 of page 2 has been amended as follows:

The present invention is directed to a method of applying magnetism only to the trunk of patient for holistic effect of entire body, which is not possible under the conventional method of prior art and Acupuncture Practice of Oriental Medicine.

Paragraph beginning at line 10 of page 2 has been amended as follows:

The conventional method is holistically effective and applicable to all ailments of human body for concurrent treatment utilizing meridians of the hands, head and neck of Oriental medical theory and the brain control functions of self-survival healing mechanism.

New paragraph beginning after "the human body." at line 2 of page 3 has been added as follows:

There are 12 main meridians and 8 extra vessel meridians, a total of 20, disposed throughout the entire human body and 730 acupoints assigned and scattered all over the body. Eighteen (18) meridians are bilateral and 2 meridians are unilateral, i.e., bilateral meridians are disposed symmetrically on both side of the body, left and right, their functions are exactly the same as a twin pair. Two (2) meridians are unilateral that run through the center of the front and backside of the body with a different function of governing negative and positive meridians respectively. The main meridians of the human body maintain a balance and harmony for all the organs of the body system in accordance with the five (5) element-functions of meridians of the dual power system of positive and negative energy force, which are based on Five (5) Elements of Law of Nature, consisting of "Wood", "Fire", "Earth", Metal", and "Water" by which transform into meridians in a form of "help or helped by", "restrain or restrained by", and "harm or harmed by", which lead into two type of functioning – conflicting meridian and co-living meridian, and most afflictions of chronic type ailments are all associated with conflicting meridians. The conflicting meridians are harmful and not helpful to each other thus it is very difficult to maintain or bring the balance back to normal between conflicting meridians. Five Elements & Conflicting Meridians are as follows:

Five Elements:

Co-living Order, "help or helped by" - Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, Water

Conflicted Order, "harm or harmed by" - Wood, Earth, Water, Fire, Metal

Conflicting Main Meridians:

<u>Lung Meridian</u>	<u>harms</u>	<u>Liver Meridian</u>
<u>Large Intestine Meridian</u>	<u>harms</u>	<u>Gall Bladder Meridian</u>
<u>Kidney Meridian</u>	<u>harms</u>	<u>Heart Meridian</u>
<u>Bladder Meridian</u>	<u>harms</u>	<u>Small Intestine Meridian</u>
<u>Liver Meridian</u>	<u>harms</u>	<u>Spleen/Pancreas Meridian</u>
<u>Gall Bladder Meridian</u>	<u>harms</u>	<u>Stomach Meridian</u>
<u>Heart Meridian</u>	<u>harms</u>	<u>Lung Meridian</u>
<u>Small Intestine Meridian</u>	<u>harms</u>	<u>Large Intestine Meridian</u>
<u>Pericardium Meridian</u>	<u>harms</u>	<u>Lung Meridian</u>
<u>Three Triple Warmer Meridian</u>	<u>harms</u>	<u>Large Intestine Meridian</u>
<u>Spleen/Pancreas Meridian</u>	<u>harms</u>	<u>Kidney Meridian</u>
<u>Stomach Meridian</u>	<u>harms</u>	<u>Bladder Meridian</u>

These five elements are assigned to only 12 main meridians and five acupoints per main meridian for its function in terms of maintaining balance and order for each main meridian and its organs of the body. The non-element meridians and non-element acupoints are not capable of adjusting the balance of the meridian and are normally used only for local pain and lesion. Main meridians are all rooted on toes and fingertips, except the sole of foot for kidney meridian, with the energy flow orientation of either ascending from or descending to the toes and sole of the foot and fingertips of the hand, and its five-element acupoints are all located in the region of hand and lower arm and foot and lower leg.

Under Oriental Medicine, any affliction in chronic nature is believed to be a result of energy imbalance and disorder in terms of the dual meridian system of the body, therefore, “such afflictions of chronic ailments are treated only by adjusting meridians into a balance and harmony, otherwise, such ailment and pain from the energy imbalance and disorder are not healed or eradicated after all”, quoted from the Text of the Oriental Medicine known as a “Golden Rule”.

When the systems of the body are not in balance in view of the meridians and the dual power concept – the body is in ill status in the related organs of the unbalanced meridians. When the systems of the body are well balanced, the body is in good health. Therefore, the therapy is directed toward stimulating or depressing the energy in the meridians concerned.

Paragraph beginning at line 3 of page 3 has been amended as follows:

The method of present invention involves 2 unilateral and 6 bilateral meridians, and 6 extra meridians, and 36 unilateral acupoints and 95 bilateral acupoints that are being disposed through the entire body trunk, which are Governing Vessel of 14 acupoints, Conception Vessel of 22 acupoints, Bladder of 39 acupoints, Gall Bladder of 7 acupoints, Stomach of 19 acupoints, Kidney of 17 acupoints, Liver of 3 acupoints, Pancreas/Spleen of 10 acupoints whereas only hand, head and neck meridians are being utilized in the referenced prior art.

New paragraph beginning after "by application of magnetism." at line 23 of page 3 has been added as follows:

These phenomenal healing responses are identical to that of the Oriental Medicine so called "Myung-Hyun" defining as a positive body signal that the ailing part is definitely healing, which indicates the proper use of five element rules for meridians and balance concept of the dual power systems.

Paragraph beginning at line 23 of page 3 has been amended as follows:

In addition, this phenomenon is believed to be some form of reaction of brain sick memory recall in response to the magnetic application and further to indicate that, when body is in sickness, pathway of life-energy meridian and sensory neurons of the nervous system are being hindered by some form of blockage and, when the flow is stimulated by magnetic flux, the flow hindrance causes responses and symptoms and, when the body is in health, the pathways are all clear and wide open for free flow thus causing no response or symptom even under magnetically stimulated condition in energy flow and neural transmission

Paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 4 has been amended as follows:

Any magnet configured and sized to cover substantially the treatment area of the trunk can be used for this method as long as it produces a sedative and healing effect in a range of 10ϕ to $250,000\phi$ total flux and the north pole surface is flat and smooth for good contact to the trunk skin at 90-degree angle.

Paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 6 has been amended as follows:

The foregoing object and advantages, as well as others which will be apparent from the

specification, are achieved by a method for treating and alleviating human afflictions, ailments and diseases by the application of magnetism to a person being treated in such way to bring the meridians into a balance and harmony.

Paragraph beginning at line 6 of page 6 has been amended as follows:

Contact with magnet at 90 degree angle is maintained for a sufficient time period or periods to provide substantial alleviation or cure.

Paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 6 has been amended as follows:

The magnetic strength or total flux applied to the trunk may typically be from about 10φ to about 250,000φ total flux.

New paragraph beginning after "drawings." at line 7 of page 10 has been added as follows:

The designation of three sub-regions in the trunk for balance treatment of meridians and its organs is based on the five (5) element rules of meridians and acupoints and the balance concept of the dual power systems of positive and negative meridians of acupuncture practice, which are the essential factors in controlling the energy flow state of meridians of the body, and the physical location of the organs related with the five (5) element rules of meridians in conflict are also considered for defining the treating regions.

A total of 12 organs are positioned in the trunk area in a conflict manner between organs of conflict meridians, the body trunk is thus divided into three treating regions of chest, upper abdomen and lower abdomen for balance treatment as shown below.

1. Chest Region -chest area of the upper trunk (arm, shoulder, neck regions are excluded):

Heart, Lung, Pericardium - conflicted meridians

2. Middle Region -upper abdomen area:

Gall Bladder, Liver, Stomach, Spleen/Pancreas, Kidney - conflicted meridians

3. Lower Region -lower abdomen area:

Bladder, Small Intestine, Large Intestine, Three Triple Warmer - conflicted meridians

In order for proper control of the conflicted meridians and its organs in terms of an equilibrium and balance, the trunk is divided into 3 sub-regions thus enabling a balanced treatment for either by each region or all regions concurrently in safe without causing any situation of imbalance in the treatment regions as well as the respective meridians. Each region has a distinctive characteristic in treatment and effectiveness:

The Chest Region is for treating the conflicted meridians and its organs of the Lung, Heart and Pericardium in safe concurrently - under the ordinary acupuncture technique it is almost impossible to treat these conflicted organs and meridians concurrently without side effect:

The Middle Region is for treating the conflicted meridians and its organs of the Gall Bladder, Liver, Stomach, Spleen/Pancreas and Kidney in safe and concurrently - under ordinary acupuncture technique it is almost impossible to treat these conflicted organs and meridians concurrently without side effect:

The Lower Region is for treating the conflicted meridians and its organs of the Bladder, Small Intestine, Large Intestine and Three Triple Warmer in safe and concurrently - under ordinary acupuncture technique it is almost impossible to treat these conflicted organs and meridians concurrently without side effect.

Paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 10 has been amended as follows:

These regions of the trunk are treated horizontally along the way around the trunk by applying magnet or magnets in horizontal order in parallel to the sub-regional division lines.

New paragraph beginning after "pulling power." at line 11 of page 11 has been added as follows:

Small size is lighter and convenient in use enabling more coverage of treating area and thereby smaller size with higher total flux is always preferable in treatment.

Paragraph beginning at line 28 of page 11 has been amended as follows:

In utilizing the area in the regions in application to the body trunk of a patient, it is typically and ordinarily necessary, in order to avoid a imbalance treatment in accordance with the Oriental medical theory, to apply magnet or magnets with an equal total flux for each and all treating area of the regions with an equal amount of treatment time for a balanced treatment for respective meridians.

Paragraph beginning at line 3 of page 12 has been amended as follows:

And, in addition, the balanced concept should also be applied by using the median line of the body which divides the trunk into a half, left and right, and the horizontal lines dividing the trunk into three parts, in order to avoid an imbalance condition of the body meridian systems.

Paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 12 has been amended as follows:

Accordingly, when applying magnet or magnets around the trunk in parallel to the horizontal lines, always place the magnets evenly at an equal distance, as shown in Figure 3 and 4 of the drawings, so that a balanced treatment for meridians is possible with an equal distribution of magnetic flux for each and every side of the trunk, and this practice should be applied to all magnet sizes used under this trunk method of magnetic application.

Paragraph beginning at line 14 of page 12 has been amended as follows:

Typically, a flat magnet is employed, thus to provide well contact to the skin of the trunk at 90 degree angle and substantially equal magnetic flux over the area of the trunk.

Paragraph beginning at line 27 of page 12 has been amended as follows:

In applying magnet means to the trunk, magnet or magnets are attached to the trunk skin in the designated area of the trunk by using elastic band, trunk-shaped wrapper or cover with Velcro fasteners for well contact to the skin of the trunk at 90 degree angle, as shown in figure 3, 4, 5, 6 and 12 of the drawings.

Paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 13 has been amended as follows:

Magnets should be contacted well to the skin of the trunk at 90 degree angle so that no gap between magnet and skin is allowed.

Paragraph beginning at line 13 of page 17 has been amended as follows:

The range of total flux for magnets used is about 10ϕ -250,000 ϕ and such total flux is measured at 0.001" from the north pole surface of the magnet means.

Paragraph beginning at line 14 of page 17 has been amended as follows:

The size of the magnet may typically be any size of healing power appropriate for weight and effectiveness for the regions of the trunk of 28"x 43".

New paragraph beginning after "to the person." at line 17 of page 17 has been added as follows:

Thereby, using "total flux" provides a flexibility of options to select and control healing power, weight, pulling/repelling distance and treatment time period based on type of ailment, size of treatment area or region to apply and treatment progress thereof, etc., whereas other means of magnetic strength measured by gauss, flux density and magnet size alone do not provide such options of healing power control and adjustment to meet a real challenge of treating various levels of sickness from a mild to a severe condition. Therefore, using total flux in present invention is unique and consistent throughout the entire period of 25 years research since 1980 for handling all levels of severity of the afflictions, ailments and diseases producing a desirable effectiveness under all situations of imbalance and disorder of the meridians.

Paragraph beginning at line 17 of page 17 has been amended as follows:

Therefore, the total flux applied to the patient is considered to be of key importance in selection of desired healing power, treatment time period and its weight appropriate for trunk regions.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE at page 24 has been amended as follows:

A method and apparatus for alleviating or curing human afflictions, ailments and diseases holistically by application of magnetism in such way of bringing the meridian systems into a balance and harmony. A north pole surface of a magnet is applied to a portion of the trunk, about 1204 square inches, of a person being treated, and is maintained in contact for a time period or periods in accordance with total flux applied for the afflictions or ailments being treated. The magnet is maintained in contact for a time period or periods sufficient to elicit holistic effect of alleviation or cure and to detect ailments and cure in progress or a balanced treatment point. Magnet is being configurated to accommodate the area being treated and having appropriate total flux of healing power.